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FDR's racial bias revealed

A recently published book on the life of Franklin D. Roosevelt provides a revealing look at his racial attitudes prior to WW2.

In *FDR: A Biography* (Simon & Schuster, 1985), author Ted Morgan gives quotes from a series of columns Roosevelt wrote under the title "Roosevelt Says" for the Macon Daily Telegraph in April and May of 1925, when the future president was attempting to cure himself of polio in Warm Springs, Georgia.

In one column FDR discusses the dangers of 50 years of immigration to the U.S. Describing immigrants as food being fed into America, he states that some are "almost poisonous" with the Japanese "heading the list of toxic immigrants." He cites the objections of Californians that Japanese immigrants are "not capable of assimilation into the Amer-

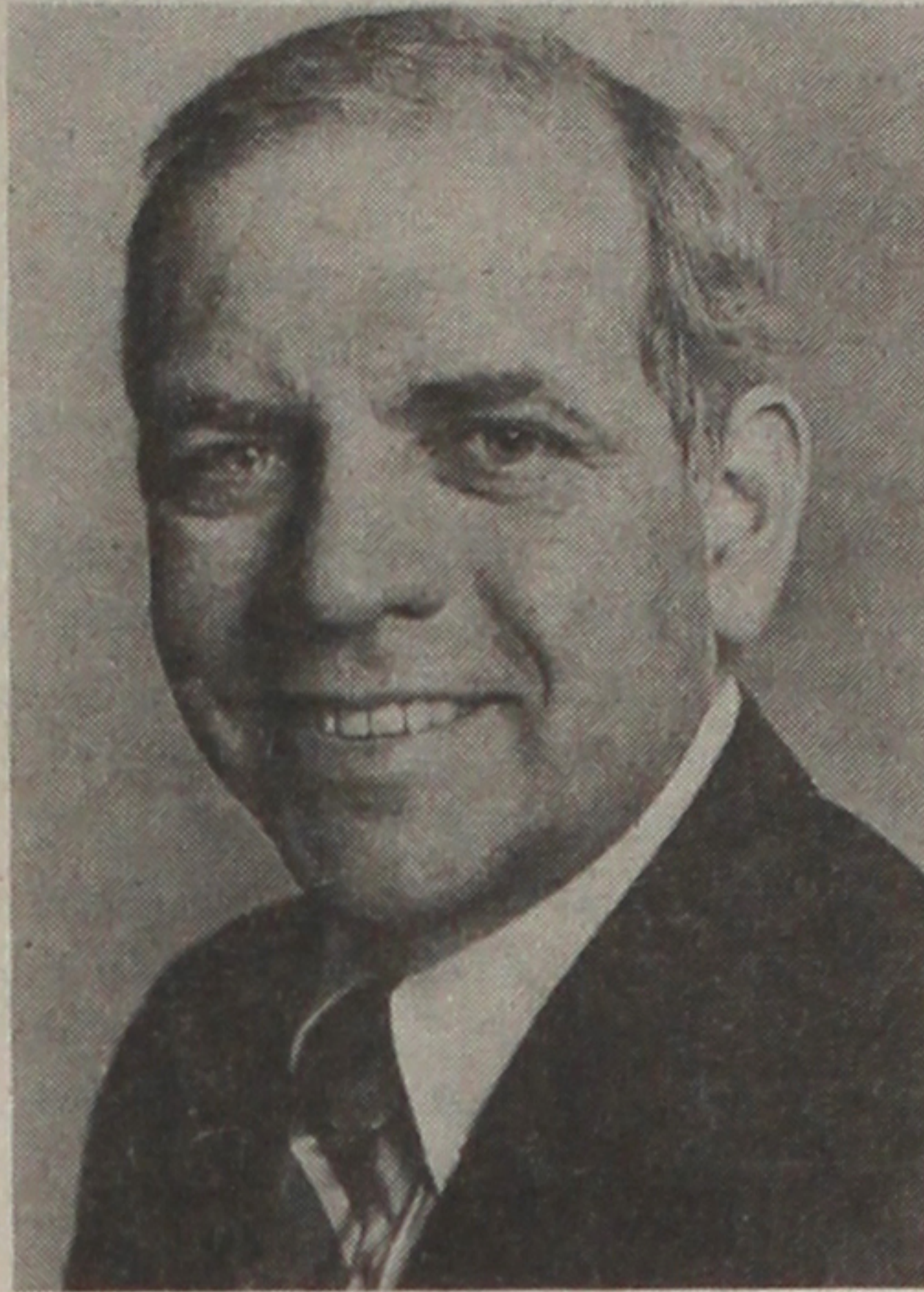
ican population."

On the subject of miscegenation, FDR writes that "mingling of Asiatic blood with European or American blood produces, nine cases out of ten, the most unfortunate results." Eurasians, he says, are "a common thing, looked down on and despised, both by Europeans and Americans... and by pure Asiatics."

The "true reason" to exclude the Japanese from the U.S., he concludes, is the "undesirability of mixing the blood of two peoples."

"Clearly Roosevelt did not consider [Japanese Americans] as true Americans," writes Morgan, "and had a deep-rooted racist view of Orientals" which gave "added relevance to his World War II decision to intern thousands of Japanese Americans."

—from a report by New York Nichibei



Rep. H. James Saxton

N.J. Republican supports bill

WASHINGTON—Freshman congressman H. James Saxton (R-N.J.) signed on as a co-sponsor of House redress bill H.R. 442 on March 13.

Saxton, who represents New Jersey's 13th District, is a nine-year veteran of the state legislature, having served six years in the General Assembly and three in the State Senate.

He sits on the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, Government Operations Committee, and Select Committee on Aging. He was elected to serve on the Policy Committee of the House Republican Conference during the 99th Congress.

Saxton was elected to the House in a 1984 special election to complete the term of the late Edwin Forsythe and was again

elected in the general election later that year.

Tak Moriuchi, recently retired president of Tak Moriuchi, Inc., successful New Jersey orchardist and member of Philadelphia JACL, arranged a meeting with Saxton on March 10. Also attending was chapter president Jack Ozawa.

After hearing about the wartime exclusion and internment of Japanese Americans, Saxton agreed that the injustice needs to be corrected.

LEC executive director Grayce Uyehara reports that H.R. 442 now has 123 sponsors (107 Democrats, 16 Republicans), of whom 120 are voting members.

Note: Rep. Stephen Solarz was the 122nd sponsor of H.R. 442, not the 121st as reported in the March 7 PC.

Women honored for achievements

by Robert Shimabukuro

LOS ANGELES—"Behind every successful woman, there is a very surprised man," joked California Secretary of State March Fong Eu upon receiving one of the Woman Warrior Awards at the fifth annual Asian/Pacific Women's Network-L.A. awards banquet Feb. 28.

Eu's remark captured the spirit of the evening, a gala dinner which recognized the accomplishments of six women from various fields of endeavor: Betty Kozasa, volunteer activist; designer Maya Lin; conceptual and performance artist Yoko Ono; Vietnamese actress Kieu Chinh; L.A. Board of Education president Rita Walters; and Eu.

Eu, the highest ranking elected woman official in California, was honored for her strong perseverance and accomplishments in the field of government. Thanking the Women's Network for the award, she said, "Historically, to be a woman of Asian ancestry in America was to be twice cursed, but thanks to the efforts of the Asian/Pacific Network and its members, to be a woman of Asian ancestry in America today is to be twice blessed."

Maya Lin, the student architect who designed the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, gave a more somber appraisal. Lin, who initially received a great deal of criticism from veterans' groups because she chose to depart from the traditional emphasis of war memorials which tended to be

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Mineta backs Senate candidate

DENVER—Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) will speak at a Japanese American community fundraising luncheon for the Senate campaign of Rep. Tim Wirth (D-Colo.) Apr. 4, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., at Kyoto Restaurant.

"I very much appreciate Congressman Mineta's support of my Senate campaign," said Wirth, adding that Mineta "is not only one of the most respected members of the House, he is one of my closest friends in the Congress."

Wirth co-sponsored House redress bill H.R. 442 when it was introduced in January 1985.

Mineta, who chairs the Aviation Subcommittee of the House Public Works Committee, will be in Denver to chair an aviation safety forum from 1:30-4 p.m. at Stouffer Concourse Hotel, across from Stapleton Airport. Officials from National Center for Atmospheric Research, Federal Aviation Administration and other interested groups will participate.

Astronomy complex in Hawaii named after astronaut Onizuka

HONOLULU—University of Hawaii regents agreed March 7 to rename the Hale Pohaku astronomical support facility on Mauna Kea in memory of Big Island astronaut Ellison Onizuka, the Honolulu Advertiser reports.

A special regents' committee decided on the facility, 9,200 feet up the 13,796-foot volcano, as a "living memorial" to Onizuka.

The exact name for the complex was not decided. One suggestion, the Ellison S. Onizuka Astronomy Support Complex, was felt to be too burdensome by several regents.

Two other UH structures, the 88-inch telescope atop Mauna

Kea and the Institute of Astronomy in Manoa Valley on Oahu, had also been nominated by a special advisory committee established after Onizuka's death.

Regent Walter Steiger, a former UH professor and director of the Bishop Museum's planetarium, said he favored a building that will be used by a great number of people.

With the choice of Hale Pohaku, several regents suggested that one of the university's 24-inch telescopes be moved from the summit to the 9,200-foot level as part of an expanded science center open to schoolchildren and the public.

Sansei gives behind-the-scenes account of U.S.-Japan trade talks

by Richard Kenmotsu

GARDENA, Calif.—The Japanese are tough negotiators, admitted Glen Fukushima at a private reception held in his honor March 10 by Greater L.A. Singles JACL and U.S.-Japan Relations Study Group.

Fukushima, Director for Japan Affairs for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, had just returned from a two-week round of negotiations on several trade matters with Japanese officials in Tokyo.

The chief U.S. negotiator on the issue of allowing foreign lawyers to practice in Japan, he announced that an agreement had finally been hammered out after years of negotiations. (An official statement will be issued by USTR.)

"I wasn't fully aware of the magnitude of all the problems in U.S.-Japan trade relations," remarked Fukushima. Besides the usual differences in business and cultural norms, he noted that many Japanese businessmen and officials displayed a new and arrogant attitude.

For example, upon learning that Fukushima, a Sansei, would take over the important USTR post, a Japanese official stormed up to him and ranted that a Japanese American was "least qualified" to be in that position. Fuku-



Glen Fukushima

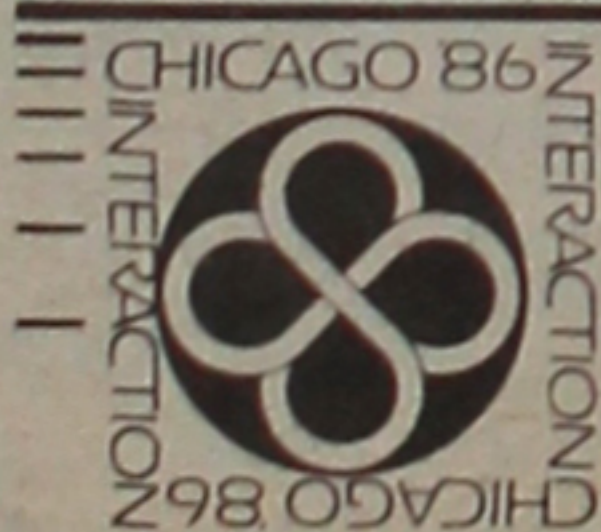
shima reported other such experiences with the Japanese.

Upon entering USTR in early 1985, Fukushima quickly learned how disadvantaged the U.S. was when stacked up against the Japanese bureaucrat negotiators, usually Japan's best and brightest.

He was only the second person in USTR to be able to speak and read Japanese, having studied at Keio University and University of Tokyo; the Japanese side is usually skilled in English. The USTR does not subscribe to any Japanese newspaper; the Japanese are well supplied with newspapers, books, journals, and research reports.

In serio-comic fashion, Fukushima once did obtain approval

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"propaganda statements about the victors, the issues, the politics, and not about the people who served and died," questioned the status of Asians in American society.

Commenting on a press conference after she was awarded the commission, she said, "A newsman said, 'Don't you find it ironic that you're of Asian descent' and then he hemmed and hawed because he didn't quite know how to say it."

"It had never occurred to me—the whole question between Vietnam and between China—I never considered these things. I viewed myself as just another person. And I looked at him squarely and thought, 'Gee, you're stupid, of course not.' It took me a year to realize there were a lot of problems behind the scenes because I was Asian, because I was young or whatever. The competition was

an anonymous competition... It's always been a question in my mind as to what would have happened had names been allowed and what could have happened if everyone's name had been on it.

"I'm honored to be out here; I feel that I have not accomplished as much as [others] who have been honored here tonight. I thank you but I'd just like to say that I hope that sometime that doubt will go away, that people's names can be left and it won't make a difference, and that we are all equal. Until that time, thank you and I hope I am an example for people who are young and who have a chance to say something when they should."

Betty Kozasa, whose community work concerns the problems of the aging, extolled the virtues of volunteerism. "Volunteerism has been a major force in my life. I realized very early in life that in order to effect change in this world, one has to become involved and I chose volunteerism

as my way to be involved. And I have benefited personally a great deal from that involvement and I have always said that I equate my volunteerism with a degree from Yale or maybe Oxford... It has given me an opportunity to make friends from coast to coast."

Kieu Chinh, a world-renowned actress who has used her fame to help the Vietnamese communities, saluted all who "have to leave their motherland. We may not all have the same purpose in leaving, but we do not leave the past or our memories behind."

"But," she added, "we have to move on."

Rita Walters was recognized for her work in "building bridges between communities rather than building walls."

Elizabeth Cumberfield, who accepted an award for her friend Yoko Ono, read a telegram from Ono, who was beginning a European concert tour in Brussels: "I feel that the true warrior women are the ones who are fighting poverty, violence and terror around the world without having the means to communicate their plight and sorrow... I therefore would like to receive this award in honor of our unknown sisters. Bless your courage and dignity. Power to us all—women of the world."

Nobuko Miyamoto and Louise Kawabata from Great Leap and choreographer Yen Lu Wong performed in the evening's program. KCBS-TV anchor Tritia Toyota emceed the banquet, which was attended by over 600 persons.

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J-Town hotel residents evicted

LOS ANGELES—A Little Tokyo social service agency is expressing concern over the fate of tenants who were evicted from the Alan Hotel on 2nd St. after the decades-old building was sold (see Jan. 31 PC).

The last remaining resident was evicted March 11 when marshals broke down the door of an Issei who had locked himself in his room.

According to Bill Watanabe, director of Little Tokyo Service Center, that tenant and another one said to be a veteran of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team now live in the Frontier Hotel on 5th and Main, well inside the Skid Row area.

Two other Issei tenants ended up at the Weingart Center on San Pedro and 6th and the Huntington Hotel on 8th and Main.

Watanabe was especially concerned about these four tenants who had left the relative safety of Little Tokyo because they "seemed to be the most disoriented" of the hotel's former residents. Two of them, he added, do not speak English.

Some of the tenants had staged protests to demand relocation benefits from the Community Redevelopment Agency, the municipal body that oversees re-

development in Little Tokyo and other parts of Los Angeles. The CRA was unwilling to provide the benefits because, unlike previous cases, the 2nd St. building was being sold in a private transaction instead of being appropriated by the city.

Mo Nishida of Little Tokyo Tenants Assn. charged that the CRA has "not been sensitive or even aware of our needs."

One possibility of affordable housing in Little Tokyo for evicted tenants, said Watanabe, is the building on north 1st St. between Central and San Pedro. In addition to stores and restaurants, the building contains some 30 living units that could be renovated.

At a meeting held March 12 at the Japanese American Cultural & Community Center, local merchants and representatives of Little Tokyo People's Rights Organization and other groups objected to plans by developer Jerome Snyder to demolish the historic building and construct an office tower complex on the land. Under that plan, only the old Nishi Hongwanji temple, future home of the Japanese American National Museum, and an art museum would be preserved.

Some opposed the destruction of the building, which dates back to the 1920s and is one of the few remnants of prewar Little Tokyo. Others pointed out that the plan would displace low-income hotel residents there at a time when additional low-income housing is needed.

—J.K. Yamamoto

Note: in the Jan. 31 PC, Mo Nishida was incorrectly identified as a tenant of Alan Hotel. He is a former tenant who was serving as spokesman for current tenants in the dispute over the evictions.

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Community Affairs

SANTA CLARA, Calif.—Asian Law Alliance presents "Voices and Visions: Experiences of Asian Pacific Women" Apr. 18, 5-9 p.m., at De Saisset Museum, University of Santa Clara. Program features actress Laureen Chew ("Dim Sum"), author Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston (*Farewell to Manzanar*), and poet and playwright Genny Lim ("Paper Angels"). David Louie of KGO-TV will emcee. Tickets: \$20 general, \$10 students and seniors. Info: (408) 287-9710.

SAN DIEGO—Highlights of the "Spotlight on Japan" cultural fair to be held March 22-23 at Balboa Park include a showing of animated film "2772" and lecture by cartoonist Osamu Tezuka, 10 a.m. Sat., 3 p.m. Sun.; performance by jazz artist Osamu Kitajima, 12:30 p.m., Sat.; kimono fashion show and kabuki dance performance, 1 p.m., Sun.; and Noho Theatre Group of Kyoto, 2 p.m., Sun. Sponsors: San Diego State University, Greater San Diego Chamber of Commerce, Consulate General of Japan in Los Angeles. Info: 265-6817.

Mayor speaks at Asian celebration

CHICAGO—Mayor Harold Washington greeted the city's Asian American community Feb. 1 during the third Asian American Lunar New Year Celebration at the Conrad Hilton.

The event is jointly sponsored by Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Filipino, Thai, East Indian, Vietnamese, Cambodian, Laotian, Hmong, and Burmese American community groups.

Addressing the approximately 1,200 guests, Washington, flanked by members of his Advisory Committee on Asian American Affairs, said, "Tonight's affair is another magnificent show of your community's awesome power."

Citing city efforts to increase communication with non-English-speaking Asian Americans, to help Chinatown secure land for commercial and residential expansion and to increase opportunities for minority contractors to do business with the city, he said, "We're working out new programs, making new relationships, beginning new dialogues with your communities."

Washington exhorted Asian Americans to get involved in the process of government. "New opportunities in business, government and politics have opened up like never before. It is your responsibility to seize those opportunities, to register and educate the voters, to get into the middle of the process, to use the strength and energies you have."

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SAN JOSE, Calif.—The San Jose Taiko Group presents a concert March 29, 2 and 7 p.m., at Independence Performing Arts Center with special guest artist Michiko Akao, a flutist from Japan with a mastery of the *ryuteki, nohkan*, and *shinobue*. In addition to her background in classical Japanese music, she has also explored jazz, pop and other music forms. Admission: 2 p.m.—\$12 general, \$10 students and seniors; 7 p.m.—\$15 general. Tickets are available at San Jose Box Office, 912 Town & Country, (408) 246-1160; Nichi Bei Bussan, 140 E. Jackson, 294-8048; and San Jose Taiko Group, 293-9344.

BERKELEY, Calif.—A series of drop-in discussions for unmarried Asian Americans begins March 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m., at 1524 Oregon St. Discussion leaders will be Ryo Imamura and Karen Gee. Topics include pressures to get married, advantages/disadvantages of being single, ethnicity, interracial relationships, career choices, parental role models, and sexuality. Sponsor: East-West Counseling Center. Info: (415) 540-5373.

SAN FRANCISCO—Center for Japanese American Studies presents an evening with Gary Okihiro, co-author with Timothy Lukes of *Japanese Legacy: Farming and Community Life in California's Santa Clara Valley*, March 28, 8 p.m., at Pine United Methodist Church, 426 33rd Ave. Okihiro, director of the

ethnic studies program at Santa Clara University, will discuss the book and show slides of historical photos of the valley from its earliest Japanese settlement to the postwar resettlement.

Mexican Nikkei plan sports fest

MEXICO CITY—The 11th annual Nikkei International Sports Festival is being hosted by the Mexican Japanese Assn. from Aug. 7-8.

Participants from Brazil, Peru and the U.S. are expected to compete with Mexican Nikkei in track and field, table tennis, judo, swimming, and tennis. A *karaoke* contest is also planned.

Carlos Kasuga, president of Pan American Nikkei Assn. is host chairman. During the event, PANA officials will meet to prepare for the 1987 PANA conference in Buenos Aires.

In Los Angeles, a group is being organized for the sports festival by Latin American JACL president Luis Yamakawa and Leo Hayashi and Sam Fujii of Japanese Chamber of Commerce of Southern California. For details, call (213) 737-5398.

Episcopal priest to be honored

LOS ANGELES—St. Mary's Episcopal Church will hold a retirement dinner to honor the Rev. Canon John and Mrs. Fumi Margaret Yamazaki on Apr. 12, 6:30 p.m., at the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

"Father John," as he is known in the community, retired last year after 44 years of ministry. Ordained as a priest in 1942, he began his ministry at the Santa Anita Assembly Center. When St. Mary's congregation was split in half, he and his family went to the Gila River camp and later ministered to those who had resettled in the Cincinnati area.

Returning to Los Angeles in 1946, he ministered to returning

families in the congregation and community. He was elected the first rector when the parish achieved self-supporting status in 1956. He has served the diocese as deputy or alternate deputy to eight general conventions and has chaired the Episcopal Asian American Strategies Task Force since 1973.

For reservations, contact Yoshiko Sakurai 294-9477; Frank Omatsu, 687-4527; Rose Masuoka, 666-6361; or the church at 387-1334. Cost: \$35 per person. Send checks payable to St. Mary's Episcopal Church to 961 S. Mariposa Ave., L.A. 90008. Deadline is Apr. 4.

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And then on this trip, along the road, I again saw the combination of the twirling pole with the sign "Bar-ber"—which was a slight improvement from that Tokyo spelling. I began to ponder how such spelling came about, and I settled on the theory which I share with you, for better or for worse.

The way I theorize, during the U.S. Army occupation, an enterprising *sanpatsu-san*, desiring to attract some G.I. trade, sought to have his trade announced in English. So he asked an obliging G.I. who wrote "Barber."

The Japanese entrepreneur attempted to pronounce what he saw, and, of course, it came out as "Bah-bah." No matter how much that G.I. tried to correct the pronunciation, it exasperatingly came out as "Bah-bah."

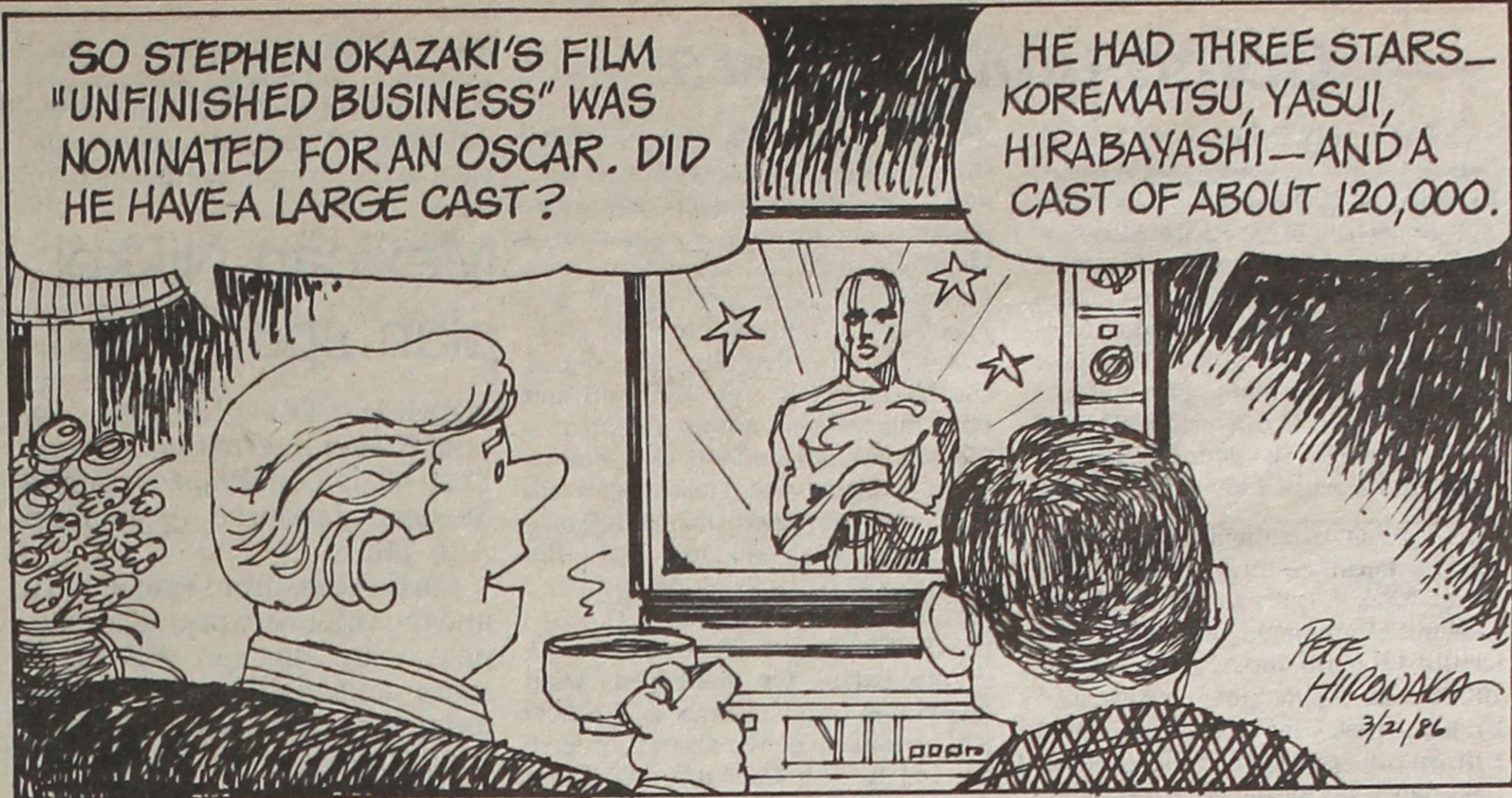
So finally, very deliberately, our helpful instructor sought to highlight the difference in the sounds of the two syllables and wrote "Bar-ber" and then pronounced them aloud in sequence. Whereupon the *sanpatsu-san's* face lit up in understanding, a sign subsequently went up as "Bar-Ber" or "Bar-ber," causing smiles (and business) from G.I.'s.

And when competitors learned of the entrepreneur's secret, it spread—to be seen even to this day. (Well so much for folk tales. Back to my recent Japanese haircut.)

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Well, my hunch is that he hadn't had very many AJA customers. He began to inquire about my existence in the U.S. and how I liked Japan by comparison. I told him that with its faults, America was

my homeland and for me that was where my sentiments lay—although I admired many of the fine attributes of Japanese society.

I did not convey to him my opinion that I would be subjected to bias if, as a Nisei, I sought to make my way in Japanese economic, political or social spheres—in short, I would not be accepted. But I was on a trip relaxing and there's no point in getting deeply involved in sociological philosophies, particularly with a Japanese barber who's shaving you with a straight razor.

AS I DEPARTED, I asked him his name and he handed me a matchbox. His name is Ono; he operates a two-man barbershop about a half block from the Shirahama train station.

If you're ever in Shirahama, patronize his business. And tell him that "Marutani-san" sent you there.

What is Role of JACL Staff?

BY THE BOARD

by Yosh Nakashima

It is often quite difficult for the grassroots JACL member to fully understand the roles and responsibilities of the National staffers. Let us state that it is equally difficult for those volunteers who have assumed leadership positions at the chapter, district and national levels to understand the

role and relationship between staff and themselves.

There are general written guidelines for the main executive staffperson but none clearly defined for the other staffers. Over the years, this situation of unclarity has led to miscommunication and unhappiness among both sides. We have tried over the past year to familiarize members with the present staff and briefly describe each one's responsibilities.

As is quite often the case, that has not been enough. For the five Regional Directors, their working relationship is for the most

part very good with their respective district and chapters, but on occasion, there has been discomfort and dissatisfaction due to a lack of understanding of the role of the Regional Director.

We started early in 1985 to try to put into writing a more clear description of the job of Regional Director. We solicited input from various sources but have not progressed to the final step as yet. There is good argument for being both very specific and for being general in the job description. There seems to be a significant rise in the number of concerns raised about the role of the Regional Director in recent months, so it is time to codify their job.

I'm sure that this will not entirely satisfy everyone, but it should clear some of the concerns. We hope to codify this matter for the National Board meeting in May for the Board's consideration. "We" in this case means the National Director, Regional Directors and Chair, Personnel Committee. We seek any input from interested members and local leaders.

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Thank You!

Letters

Letter of Commendation

Having read the few negative remarks about the quality of your paper, the constrained rebuttal to those critics, and some related comments, please consider these observations made from a distance.

I have worked as a reporter on both a daily and weekly newspaper. Be assured that the chronic problems of representing an organization as varied in interests, perspectives and locations as the JACL makes the tasks assigned to the PC as a kind of weekly house organ extremely difficult, since that role is not strictly that of a "news" publication.

This make-up insures that there will be some readers who have negative comments, no matter what the paper does or does not do. These comments should be considered, not as condemnation of the staff, but more in the nature of a questioning of PC Board policy, since most negative reaction does not center upon the quality of the staff production.

However, the comment of the staff's lack of "maturity" was particularly unfounded. The excellent research of J.K. Yamamoto on complex issues demonstrates interest and analysis that would do credit to any decent newspaper. The warmth and humor

(yes, humor!) of Robert Shimabukuro's works add a life to issues that would otherwise be less readable and enjoyable.

The staff should not be targets for those who do not understand or agree with the PC Board policy. Nor should they be blamed for a famine of "news" from local chapters which either haven't done anything or failed to report if they have done anything.

The amount of quality material that the present staff produces is a tribute to their professionalism. They are to be commended.

J.A. HERZIG
Falls Church, Va.

The Scope of JACL

Evidently, Mr. Marutani, *inter alia*, lacks a full understanding of the history and current programs of the JACL, based on the remarks in his March 7 column.

Pursuant to Lillian Kimura's memorandum of Feb. 15, 1986, which codifies resolutions over the past four National Councils, *ipso facto* the JACL is more than just a civil rights organization.

Ergo he has much to learn. P.S. What does *in terrorem* mean?

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Return to Heart Mountain

FROM THE FRYING PAN:

Bill Hosokawa



Because Heart Mountain in northern Wyoming is even more isolated than most of the War Relocation Authority campsites, it has gained less postwar attention than other areas that were the homes of the involuntary evacuees from the West Coast.

But one man is changing that. He would be Bacon Sakatani of

West Covina, Calif. Almost single-handedly, he organized a campaign among former students at Heart Mountain High School to erect a monument on the campsite to honor the memories of Heart Mountaineers who died in military service. Now, in cooperation with Chester and Mary Ruth Blackburn, who homesteaded near the camp after WW2, Sakatani is working on a monument dedication to be held June 21.

Sakatani wrote several weeks ago that enough to fill a bus and a half have signed up to make the trip from Southern California. No doubt there will be many more joining the pilgrimage, perhaps to vacation afterward in the magnificent country not far from Heart Mountain.

It will be a long and arduous trip, but in substantially greater comfort than that made during the late summer and early fall of 1942. Hot, grimy, weary but in remarkably good spirits, the evacuees arrived by the trainload from inhumane holding pens on the West Coast. What they found was a desolate, dusty barracks city, and a warm welcome.

About the only similarity between past and future arrivals will be the warmth of the welcome. Under the leadership of the Blackburns, residents of the area have built a memorial park on the hill where the administration building once stood. Thanks largely to their efforts, the Dept. of the Interior had the site listed on the National Register of Historic Places last Dec. 19. A plaque telling the story of the

camp will be placed in the park along with the two monuments, one erected by homesteaders and the other by the former high school students.

Sakatani says Congressman Norman Mineta, who lived in the camp as a boy, is expected at the dedication. Sen. Al Simpson of Wyoming, who as a Cub Scout visited Cubs in the camp, also has been invited.

Those returning to the site will find enormous changes have taken place in the more than four decades since the camp was closed. Aside from the unforgettable mountain, the tall brick smokestack of the hospital will be about the only recognizable feature. The row on row of tarpaper barracks are long gone, and so is the grid of dirt streets.

The land, which the memorial

plaque notes was "made arable by irrigation ditches completed by the internees," has been made to bloom. Fields of corn, sugar beets, beans and hay stretch to far horizons where once there was only sagebrush. The visitors will see comfortable farm houses, and perhaps they will recognize the outline of a few old barracks converted into machinery sheds.

The remarkable thing about all this is that the homesteaders who took over the land, like the Blackburns, have been understanding of the privations and injustices the evacuees experienced and appreciative of the work and sacrifice that made the land usable. That accounts for their interest in keeping alive the story of the evacuation and the camp.

And that's the way it should be.

Apr. 22 deadline for filing papers

PHILADELPHIA — The JACL Nominations Committee has announced that those who wish to run for national office must submit filing papers to their district council nominations representatives no later than Apr. 22.

The six offices for the 1986-88 biennium are: president, vice president for general operations, vice president for public affairs, vice president for planning and development, vice president for 1000 Club, membership and services, and secretary/treasurer.

Individuals who feel they have the necessary experience, leadership ability and knowledge of JACL should contact their district council nominations representative for details on eligibility, responsibilities and election procedures. Nominations Committee members are:

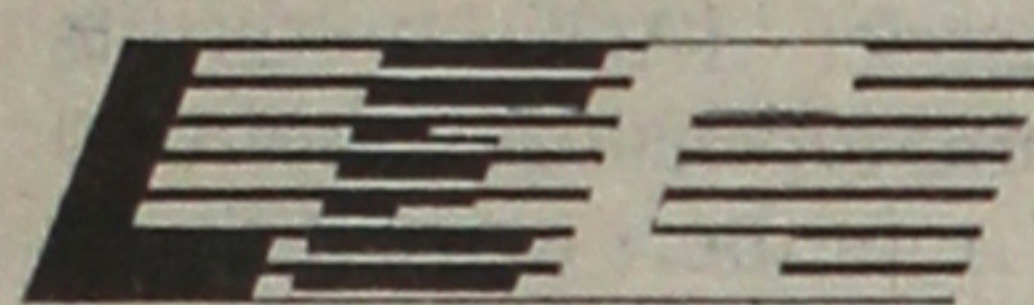
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New election guidelines have been set for the 1986 Chicago convention. The main thrust of the guidelines is to ensure fairness in the endorsement and nominating speeches. Details can be obtained from district council nominations representatives.

Each district council may nominate candidates at least 90 days before the convention, which begins July 20. If candidates file within the filing dates (Feb. 15-Apr. 22) there is no requirement for a district council endorsement. If a candidate is nominated from the floor during the convention, endorsement by the majority of his/her district council is required.

The National JACL constitution and bylaws state that a district council may nominate more than one candidate per office.

For more information, contact Teresa Maebori, Chair, 5515 Wisahickon Ave., A-201, Philadelphia, PA 19144.



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442 officer promotes redress

CHICAGO—The Chicago JACL had attorney Thomas Crowley of Evanston as guest speaker on Feb. 28 at the chapter office. Crowley was a captain in the 442nd Regimental Combat Team from its training period in Camp Shelby, Miss., to the end of the war in Italy.

Crowley commented on the recent U.S. Court of Appeals decision in favor of the suit filed by National Council for Japanese American Redress, the redress bills pending in the House and Senate, and the reopened Supreme Court test cases of Fred Korematsu, Minoru Yasui and Gordon Hirabayashi.

He reminded his listeners that Executive Order 9066, which was used as the basis for the exclusion and internment, never once mentioned Japanese Americans.

When he returned to the U.S. after hostilities ceased in Europe, Crowley and two other officers were given the opportunity to present their stories of the 442nd and the incarceration be-

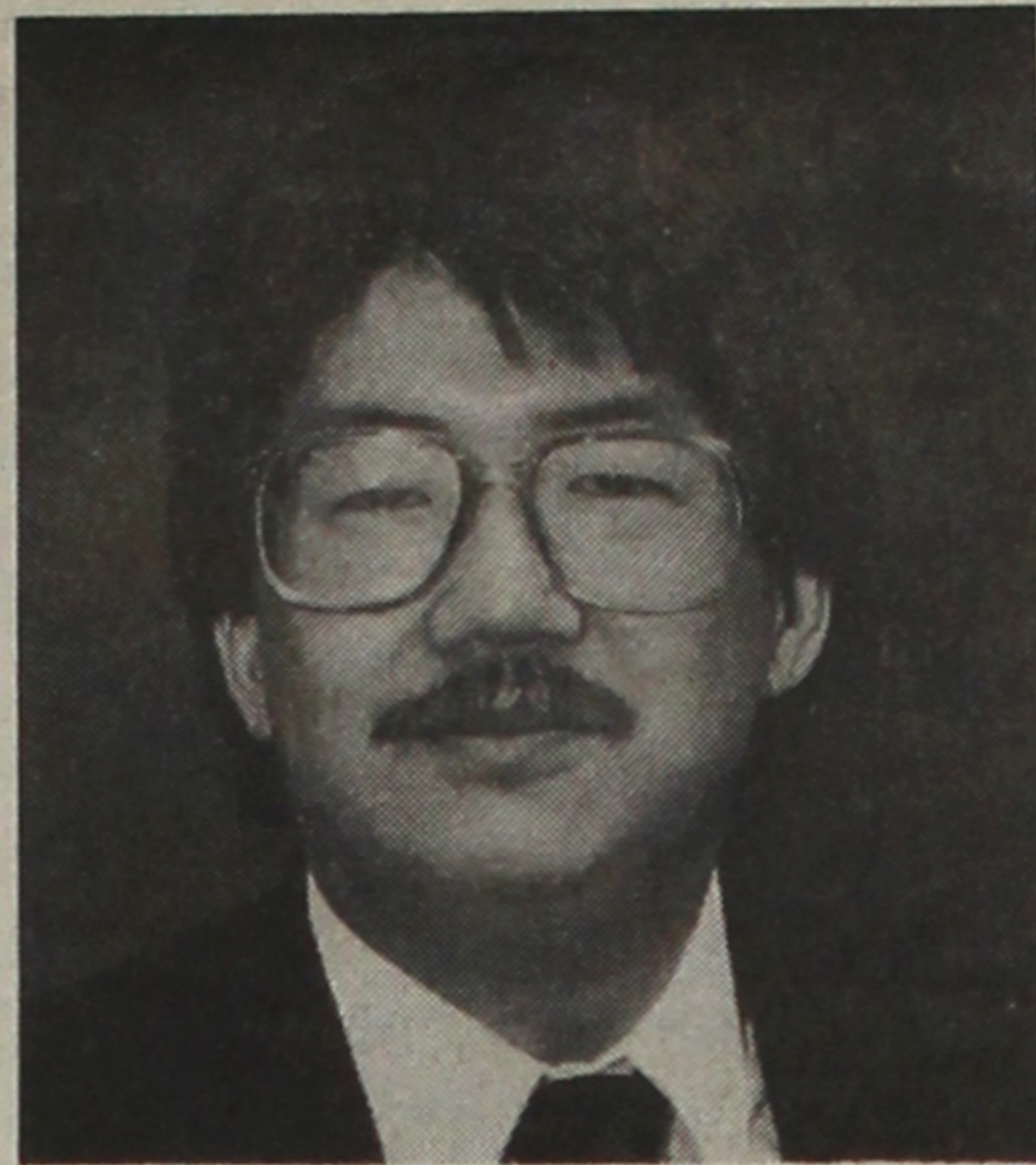
hind barbed wire to various organizations on the West Coast. The purpose of the speaking engagements was to make things easier for internees who had decided to return to the hometowns they had left in 1942.

As it turned out, Crowley and his fellow officers were not welcome. "We were talking about something that was unpopular," he said, because racist feelings toward Japanese Americans still lingered.

In his closing statement, Crowley said, "You have now reached the line of departure [a G.I. term used in combat when seeking out the enemy]. You have to muster up the courage to get behind both redress bills—H.R. 442 and S. 1053."

The program was co-chaired by Chiye Tomihiro and Frank Sakamoto. Pershing Nakada of Elmhurst, former company commander of the combat team's 232nd Engineers, introduced Crowley.

—Eddie Sato



G. Tim Gojio

Former D.C. rep gets county job

SEATTLE—G. Tim Gojio, former Washington, D.C. representative for JACL, has accepted a position with King County.

Gojio, a Seattle native, will handle intergovernmental relations for Tim Hill, who was elected King County executive in November.

Prior to working for JACL, he was legal counsel for the Republican Caucus in the Washington State Senate. He is a member of the Washington State Bar and a graduate of University of Washington School of Law.

Artist's works to be displayed

NEW YORK—A celebration honoring artist Henry Sugimoto will be held by Eastern District Council and New York Chapter JACL, Japanese American Assn. of New York, and Day of Remembrance Committee for Japanese American Redress.

Sugimoto has donated three of his oil paintings depicting camp life during WW2, valued at \$220,000, to the Smithsonian National Museum of American History. They will be part of the 1987 Smithsonian exhibit on the Japanese American experience.

The paintings will be displayed at the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, D.C. on Apr. 20 at 2 p.m. Invited guest speakers are Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.), Rep. Norman Mineta (D-Calif.) and National JACL president Frank Sato. A reception will follow.

The program will be part of a two-day sightseeing trip to the nation's capital. Chartered buses leave New York on Apr. 19 at 7 a.m. Overnight lodging will be available at the Hyatt. For details, call (212) 840-6942 or 840-6899.

District Speech Contests

PSWDC

LOS ANGELES—Pacific Southwest District JACL holds its speech and forensic competition for JACL members aged 16-19 on May 10 at the Airport Hyatt Hotel.

Winners will represent the district at the National JACL Speech and Forensic Competition during the Chicago convention in July. They will also receive scholarships and round-trip air fare and accommodations to compete in

the national contest.

The contest features two divisions: prepared informative/persuasive and impromptu/extemporaneous speech. Topics are pre-selected and cover a wide variety of issues.

Speech contest co-chair Mary Nishimoto calls the district's sponsorship "another opportunity to encourage the development of good communication and verbal skills among our youth."

For applications and information, contact Carol Saito, (213) 626-4471. Applications must be postmarked by Apr. 11.

Chapter Pulse

Portland

PORTLAND—"Community Action Day," a letter-writing campaign for redress, will be initiated Apr. 5, 1-5 p.m., at Epworth Methodist Church, 1333 S.E. 28th Ave. Participants will be asked to write to their congresspeople regarding redress bills H.R. 442 and S. 1053. The documentary "Unfinished Business" will be shown at 2 and 4. Students from Wilson High producing a video on the Nikkei experience will interview individuals who remember Portland's Nihonmachi. Info: 223-9797.

San Diego

SAN DIEGO—The San Diego Chapter will sponsor a fundraising dinner Apr. 8 at Vacation Village's South Cove Room. Featured speaker is Min Yasui, LEC chair, who is seeking to reverse the wartime Supreme Court ruling that upheld his conviction for violating curfew and internment orders. Also speaking will be UCSD professor Peter Irons, whose research helped uncover government wrongdoing in the cases of Yasui, Fred Korematsu and Gordon Hirabayashi. Donation: \$30. Info: (619) 230-0314.

Las Vegas

LAS VEGAS—Chapter president George Goto and redress chair Wayne Tanaka ask that donations to the LEC-JACL lobbying effort be sent to 1316 S. 8th St., Las Vegas 89104. Donations are not tax-deductible.

Contra Costa

RICHMOND, Calif.—Contra Costa JACL sponsors a teriyaki chicken and bento benefit March 23 to aid the chapter's program to ensure the success of the national redress and LEC projects. Donation: \$5 per box. Pick-up time is 2-5 p.m. at the JACL office building, 5035 Wall Ave. Tickets are being distributed by chapter board members. Info: Ernest Iiyama, 233-9595, or Natsuko Irei, 237-8730.

San Francisco

SAN FRANCISCO—The S.F. Chapter will award a scholarship for the Public Affairs Training Course for Leaders in the Asian Pacific Community offered by Coro Foundation (see Feb. 21 PC). The chapter will review applications of individuals from the Japanese American community who are accepted into this program and award \$250 to cover tuition costs. For more information on the program, contact Coro Foundation, 1370 Mission St., S.F. 94103. Application deadline is Apr. 4.

Cincinnati

CINCINNATI—Chapter officers for 1986 are: Charles Longbottom, pres.; J.R. Vidourek, ex-officio; Susan Holis, sec'y; Ben Okura, treas.; Kay Murata, membership; Betty Breyer, redress/LEC; Frances Tojo, Gordon Yoshikawa, Fred Morioka and Kazuya Sato, hist.; Sandra Holden-Morioka,

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newsletter; Fred Morioka, pioneers; Louis Itaya, PC Holiday Issue ads; and Doreen Longbottom, youth.

San Mateo

SAN MATEO, Calif.—Congressman Norman Mineta will be keynote speaker at the San Mateo JACL installation dinner to be held March 28 at the San Francisco Airport Hilton. Mineta will discuss the current status of the redress movement. Longtime board member Grayce Kato will be recognized for her contributions to the chapter. Officers to be installed are Noell Kubota, pres.; Nancy Takahashi, v.p.; Tom Okazaki, treas.; and Mary Jo Kubota, sec'y. Reception is at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7 and program at 8. Info: Nancy Takahashi, (415) 363-4569.

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Total this report: # 9	38
Current total	550

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Clovis: 12-Kiyomi K Takahashi.	
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EDC

SEABROOK, N.J.—The Eastern District runoff for the National JACL Speech & Forensic Competition at the Chicago convention will be held at the EDC meeting on June 21. Winners will be provided free travel and lodging for the convention. Any interested members are asked to contact Scott Nagao, 2421 Linden Court, Millville, NJ 08332; (609) 825-8978.

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FUKUSHIMA

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ally inferior to the one translating for the Japanese. In short, the U.S. side had not been getting a complete and accurate translation of the Japanese position, much less any of the nuances in the responses.

However, after coming on board, Fukushima was able to note the differences in quality and complained to the Japanese. Subsequently, the translators were alternated to provide a modicum of equality.

In closing, he emphasized that young Japanese Americans should strongly consider and prepare for positions involving U.S.-Japan relations and that they should begin an educational process to understand the issues at hand.

Singles Chapter president Karl Nobuyuki welcomed the attendees and Peter Higuchi of UJRSG introduced Fukushima.

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